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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 - 8. Previously canceled.

9. (Presently thrice amended) A method for accessing ~~distributing~~ a message in a conditional access system, the method comprising:

receiving authorization information with a first conditional access receiver;

generating a first authorization for use of a separately received content object ~~the video stream~~
by a plurality of set top receivers;

~~receiving first authorization with the first conditional access receiver;~~

performing a first determination to test if a the first set top conditional access receiver is
authorized to access ~~receive~~ the separately received content object ~~message~~;

receiving authorization information with a second conditional access receiver;

performing a second determination to test if a the second set top conditional access receiver is
authorized to access ~~receive~~ the separately received content object ~~message~~;

~~blocking access to the separately received content object by the receipt of the message with the~~
~~first set top conditional access receiver as a function of based, at least in part, upon the~~
~~determining if the first set top conditional access receiver is authorized; and~~

~~blocking access to the separately received content object by the receipt of the message with the~~
~~second set top conditional access receiver as a function of based, at least in part, upon the~~
~~determining if the second set top conditional access receiver is authorized.~~

10. (Presently amended) The method for accessing ~~distributing~~ the message in a the
conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ blocking access to the separately

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received content object receipt of the message comprises ignoring a portion of a datastream associated with the separately received content object message.

11. (Presently amended) The method for accessing a ~~distributing the~~ message in a ~~the~~ conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the determining if the first set top ~~conditional access~~ receiver is authorized comprises determining entitlement for the separately received content object message corresponding to the identifier.

12. (Presently amended) The method for accessing a ~~distributing the~~ message in a ~~the~~ conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object message comprises a software program.

13. (Presently canceled)

14 – 26. Previously canceled.

27. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises a video content.

28. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises a audio content.

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29. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises firmware.